June 18, 2012

Letter of Appeal Schools and Libraries - Correspondence Unit 30 Lanidex Plaza West PO Box 685 Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685

RE: Letter of Appeal for Form 486 Application number 881199 for Washington Parks Academy, BEN-16056061

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to you to appeal the service start dates for the following FRN's: 2165966, 2165968, and 2165969 as noted on the Form 486 Notification Letter dated June 15, 2012. The original Form 486 was filed on December 19, 2012, which is well within filing window. It was a complete oversight that the 486 was not certified right after the form was filed. Please see the copy of the form 486 attached with the filed date noted at the bottom for your reference.

A reminder letter was mailed to me by USAC alerting me to the oversight of not certifying the form 486 on March 20, 2012. I left for a month long vacation on March 21, 2012, and did not receive the letter prior to that time. I read the reminder letter upon my return to the office on April 23, 2012. To further exacerbate the problem, in reviewing my records on April 24<sup>th</sup> related to the Form 486 certification, I noticed that a Form 486 had been certified on March 19, 2012. Unfortunately, I committed another mistake in not noticing that the certification was only for Form 486 number 891808 for the same school (Please see that certification attached for your reference). I erroneously thought it was the certification for Form 486 application 881199, and thought everything was taken care of.

Since these were honest oversights, and the intent was not to disregard any of USAC's rules or regulations, I am asking that you reverse the 120 day 486 deadline ruling associated with Form 471 number 799728, and Form 486 number 881199, and change the service start date back to July 1, 2011 for all three FRN's noted above. This action will allow for full reimbursement in the amounts awarded in the FCDL. The lack of certification was my fault, and I sincerely apologize. Please do not penalize the school and the students they are educating for my mistakes.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, you can reach me by phone at 248-761-6256 or email at <u>Valerie@grantconsultingservices.com</u>. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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